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1. The Nepal Congress Party (NCP) launched a no-rent campaign in Biratnagar (26°29' N; 87° 17' E) on 15 May 1953, when B. P. Koirala, leader of the NCP, addressed a public gathering of 30,000-35,000 people asking them to defy the government's lockout order.[1] During the first week of June the peasants' agitation spread to the Saptari-Mahutari area.[2] Ramnarayan Misra, a member of the NCP Working Committee from Janakpur, Saroj Prasad Koirala,[3] and Rudra Prasad Giri,[4] member of the NCP working committee, toured the area organizing peasants' meetings and asking them not to pay their land rent.

2. On 10 June 1953 the NCP issued a directive to all branch committees to be prepared to (1) spread the peasants' no-rent campaign; (2) denounce M.P. Koirala's ministry; and (3) protest against the Indian Military Missions's continued presence in Nepal. Members of the NCP, including the former Finance Minister, Major-General Subarna S.J.B.R.[5] and former Home Minister, Surja Prasad Upadhyaya[6], addressed peasants' meetings in the districts of Pokhara (28°14' N; 83°59' E), Birgunj (27°00' N; 84°52' E), Bhojpur (27°10' N; 87°03' E), Chainpur (27°17' N; 87°19' E), and Dharan (26°49' N; 87°17' E) calling for the peasants to participate in a country-wide campaign.

3. The All-Nepal Peasant Conference (All Nepal Kisan Sangh), headed by Tulsilal Amatya[7]; the Biratnagar branch of the All Nepal Labor Union (All-Nepal Mazdoor Sangh), led by Manmohan Adhikari[8]; and the All Nepal Students Federation, organized by D. P. Adhikari, are supporting the no-rent campaign in the Biratnagar area. Tulsilal Amatya, accompanied by Indra Bahadur Basnet, Communist worker from Pokhara also visited several districts in West Nepal, calling for country-wide peasant's agitation.[9]

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that the peasant agitation in the Biratnagar area was likely to spread to the Terai and interior unless B. P. Koirala's demands were met. The report stated that agitation continued among factory workers in Biratnagar where jute and other mills were closed down. 25X1X

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